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SUBJ: RESULTS OF AD HOC GROUP MEETING OF BALTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION.

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1. THE REPORT OF SUBJECT MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE IN WARSAW JANUARY 6-8, 1975, WAS JUST RECEIVED BY RFA, COPENHAGEN. MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF AD HOC GROUP FOR THE SEPTEMBER 1976 COMMISSION MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS.

2. THE AD HOC GROUP RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD APPEAL TO THE MEMBER STATES TO LIMIT THEIR 1976 SPRAT, HERRING AND COD CATCHES TO THE LEVEL INDICATED IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

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COUNTRY SPRAT HERRING COD

DENMARK	13,600	29,274	66,050
FINLAND	5,500	73,066	160
GDR	22,800	70,855	25,979
FRG	6,100	24,036	25,081
POLAND	63,500	61,457	68,440
SWEDEN	10,600	61,388	29,582
USSR	152,900	125,900	43,610
TOTAL	275,000	445,976	258,902

3. THE GROUP RECOMMENDED THAT A UNIFORM MESH SIZE FOR SPRAT (EITHER 10 OR 11 MM BAR LENGTH) AND A STANDARD METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF EACH MESH BE DEFINED AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMISSION. DENMARK RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR THE OPTION TO TRANSFER 10 PERCENT OF THEIR HERRING QUOTA TO SPRAT SHOULD THEY SO DESIRE. FINLAND'D BY-BATCH OF SPRAT IN THEIR HERRING FISHERIES WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THEIR SPRAT QUOTA.

4. THE GROUP RECOMMENDED THAT FINLAND'S HERRING QUOTA BE INCREASED TO 80,000 TONS BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY GOOD HERRING STOCK CONDITION CURRENTLY IN AREA ADJACENT TO FINLAND. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN AS TO THE POSSIBLE EFFECT ON THE HERRING STOCKS BECAUSE OF THE HIGH CATCHES OF JUVENILE HERRING. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE UNABLE TO REACH A UNANIMOUS OPINION ON ANY PROTECTION MEASURES AT THIS MEETING, THEY RECOMMENDED DISCUSSIONS ON THIS PROBLEM BE CONTINUED AT THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING. BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY 1975 COD CATCH STATISTICS THE GROUP RECOMMENDED THAT THE 1976 COD CATCH IN THE BALTIC SHOULD NOT EXCEED 266,000 TONS.

5. THE GROUP RECOMMENDED THAT A TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH AND NATIONAL QUOTAS FOR HERRING AND COD SHOULD BE INTRODUCED ON JANUARY 1, 1977.

6. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP SAID THAT THE BALTIC SALMON COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE ITS REGULATORY MEASURES FOR SALMON AND TROUT FISHERIES IN THE FISHERY RULES OF THE BALTIC FISHERY COMMISSION. THIS SUBJECT WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING. THEY ALSO AGREED TO DISCUSS AT THE NEXT SESSION A POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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ENFORCEMENT SCHEME FOR THE BALTIC FISHERIES AND ASKED DELEGATES TO BRING THEIR PROPOSALS FOR ENFORCEMENT TO THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING.
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